

Marine Region Program Descriptions and Key Measurable (Planned) Objectives

Program: Fisheries Management: State Managed Species

The Fisheries Management State Managed Species (FMSMS) program focuses on the ongoing data analysis, data collection, report preparation, and management recommendation processes for marine finfish and invertebrate species managed solely by the State of California. This program's scope includes commercial fishing, recreational fishing, and marine hatchery/aquaculture operations. Projects within the program focus on various species groups and/or habitats primarily found within State waters. This includes Bay and estuarine habitats, invertebrate species, and finfish species. The program also includes a function to review and analyze existing fisheries for potential management changes.

Project: State Finfish Management

The State Finfish Management project (SFM) includes staff directed towards the management of important commercial and recreational marine finfish managed solely by the State of California. These species occur primarily in the nearshore environment but may range throughout state waters.

Budgeted Resources Dedicated to the Project: This project includes seven permanent positions, one permanent intermittent position and a Personal Services budget of \$442,521.

Key Measurable (Planned) Objectives for FY 2006-07: In FY 2006-07 the SFM project will focus on reviewing priority species with existing fisheries.

- Re-prioritize finfish species listed in the Master Plan for Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) prepared pursuant to Marine Life Management Act (MLMA)
- Review fishing level and population status of priority species
- Manage existing finfish fisheries and determine if management changes are necessary
- Collect and analyze data necessary to begin preparation of FMPs for the highest priority finfish species
- Train new staff in extracting and analyzing fisheries data from the commercial landings database

Key Measurable (Planned) Objectives for FY 2007-08: In FY 2007-08 the project will shift its focus to management of priority species identified in the past fiscal year and

move forward with recommended management changes in existing fisheries. Staff will begin to collect background information necessary to begin preparation of FMPs for high priority fisheries.

- Begin preparing data and analyses necessary to prepare new FMPs based on priority list developed in 2006-07
- Conduct regulatory process for fishery changes if needed
- Assess multi-year results of the California Recreational Fishery Survey to determine if recent management activities have adequately addressed species concerns and rebuilding goals
- Train staff in the preparation of FMPs and technical writing skills